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THE RECENT RECORD IN SOVIET ECONOMIC GROWTH

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- D. Labor.
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- B. Trends in the production of consumer goods.
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